

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for distributing and installing print device
2 fonts, the method comprising:
3 maintaining a web site which facilitates selection from a set of
4 print device-ready fonts;
5 through the web site, obtaining information concerning a visitor's
6 system configuration;
7 through the web site, permitting selection from a set of
8 compatible fonts within said set of print device-ready fonts, compatibility being
9 determined based upon said information concerning a visitor's system
10 configuration;
11 from the web site, authorizing transfer of a selected one or
12 multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts; and
13 from the web site, installing said selected one or multiple ones of
14 said set of compatible fonts on a visitor's print device.
- 1 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said web site
2 comprises a web site with a graphical user interface and software to permit
3 visitors to shop, view and purchase any one or more of said set of print device-
4 ready fonts and said step of authorizing transfer comprises authorizing transfer
5 after purchase of a selected one or multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts.
- 1 3. The method according to claim 2, wherein said software to
2 permit purchase comprises a financial services interface and supporting
3 software for handling electronic purchase transactions.
- 1 4. The method according to claim 1, wherein said set of print
2 device ready fonts comprise pre-tested fonts matched to print device models of
3 common manufacturers and operating configurations.
- 1 5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising a
2 step of accessing a configuration database to determine said set of compatible
3 fonts based upon said information concerning a visitor's system configuration.

1 6. The method according to claim 5, wherein said
2 configuration database includes configuration and performance data for one or
3 more print device products.

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1 7. The method according to claim 6, further comprising a
2 step of displaying potential estimated performance gains which may result from
3 the purchase of a font selected by a visitor.

1 8. The method according to claim 1, wherein said
2 information concerning a visitor's system configuration includes one or more
3 of an operating system version, CPU type, CPU speed, print device driver
4 versions, print device models, and frequently used fonts.

1 9. The method according to claim 8, wherein said step of
2 obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration
3 comprises launching software which obtains said information concerning a
4 visitor's system automatically.

1 10. The method according to claim 9, wherein said software
2 which obtains said information comprises software which inspects the visitor
3 system.

1 11. The method according to claim 8, wherein said step of
2 obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration
3 comprises receiving information through a form completed by a visitor.

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1 12. The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of
2 obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration
3 comprises launching software which obtains said information concerning a
4 visitor's system automatically.

1 13. The method according to claim 12, wherein said software
2 which obtains said information comprises software which inspects the visitor
3 system.

3 obtaining configuration information from a visitor's system; and

